IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-15 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A silencer for the attenuation of noise occurring in an intake airstream of a gas turbine comprising:

means for the introduction of water, steam, or both, into the intake airstream;

a plurality of tubular elements arranged essentially parallel to the direction of flow of the intake airstream;

wherein each tubular element includes an inner space;

wherein the means for the introduction of water, steam, or both comprises nozzles configured and arranged to introduce water, steam, or both, into the intake airstream, the nozzles being arranged on the inside of the tubular elements and oriented to inject into the inner space of the tubular elements.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. (Currently Amended) The silencer as claimed in claim ~~2~~1, further comprising: cavities between the elements configured and arranged for a silencing action.

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. (Currently Amended) The silencer as claimed in Claim ~~2~~1, wherein the tubular elements each have a diameter that changes along their length.

6. (Currently Amended) The silencer as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~Claim 1, wherein the tubular elements each have a diameter that changes along their length and includes a narrowing in a middle section, and wherein the nozzles are arranged in the region of the narrowing.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ silencer ~~as claimed in Claim 2, further comprising:~~ for the attenuation of noise occurring in an intake airstream of a gas turbine comprising:

means for the introduction of water, steam, or both, into the intake airstream;

a plurality of tubular elements arranged essentially parallel to the direction of flow of the intake airstream; and

at least two carrying walls arranged ~~substantially~~ essentially perpendicularly to the direction of flow of the intake airstream, between which at least two carrying walls the water, steam, or both, is to be supplied and into which at least two carrying walls the tubular elements are incorporated so that the tubular elements pass through the at least two carrying walls.

8. (Currently Amended) The silencer as claimed in Claim 1, ~~further comprising: nozzles; and~~

wherein the means for the introduction of water, steam, or both comprises means for injecting water with a droplet size in the range of 10 to 50 μm into the intake airstream ~~via the nozzles~~.

9. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the power output or regulating the power output of a gas turbine comprising:

providing said gas turbine with a silencer as claimed in Claim 1; and

operating said silencer to increase or regulate the power output of said gas turbine.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

injecting water with the silencer into the intake airstream ~~substantially~~

essentially directly upstream of a first compressor stage, or

essentially directly upstream of a second compressor stage, or

essentially directly upstream of both the first compressor stage and of the second compressor stage, and

optionally downstream of a further silencer, and

optionally

downstream of a further water spraying device, or

upstream of ~~a~~ said further water spraying device.

11. (Currently Amended) The silencer as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~Claim 1, further comprising:

at least two nozzles circumferentially distributed for each tubular element.

12. (Currently Amended) The silencer as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the tubular elements each comprise a narrowing in a middle region.

13. (Previously Presented) The silencer as claimed in Claim 12, wherein each element includes an inlet side and an outlet side, and wherein the narrowing is configured and arranged so that the elements have substantially the same diameter on the inlet side and on the outlet side and have a diameter smaller by 20 to 30% in the middle region.

14. (Previously Presented) The silencer as claimed in Claim 6, wherein each element includes an inlet side and an outlet side, and wherein the narrowing is configured and arranged so that the elements have substantially the same diameter on the inlet side and on the outlet side and have a diameter smaller by 20 to 30% in the middle region.

15. (Previously Presented) The silencer as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the means for injecting water comprises means for injecting a water quantity beyond the saturation limit.